

# Hartford Elementary News

## Donuts for Dads

We had another great turnout for Donuts for Dads! Thanks to the PTA for sponsoring this event and for the kitchen and teaching staff for volunteering to frost and serve the donuts!



## December Events

- Monday, December 3 - Christmas Concert @ 7:00 pm - HS New Gym
- Tuesday, December 4 - PTA Meeting @ HS Library 7:00
- Tuesday, December 4 - Bookmobile
- Monday, December 10 - Giving Tree items due back
- Friday, December 14 - Trojan Buck Store
- Friday, December 21 - Movies AM/ Christmas parties 2:15
- Friday, December 21 - End of 2nd Quarter
- Monday, December 24 - Wednesday, January 3rd - No School
- Thursday, January 3rd - School Resumes



## THE NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY BASH

The November Birthday Bash was held on Wednesday, November 7th. Mrs. Tyler read the book, Happy Birthday to You! by Dr. Seuss. Each child received a pencil, a birthday card, a Trojan Buck, and a fruit snack. Happy birthday to all the November birthdays!



### November Second Grade Birthdays

Back Row: Logan (11-10), Chase (11-26), Morgan (11-27), Hannah (11-19), and Emily (11-20)

Front Row: Olivia (11-20), Keira (11-16), and Jenna (11-18)



### November Kindergarten Birthdays

Sophia (11-8), Sophie (11-18), Cain (11-7), Parker (11-2), and Gavin (11-11)

## TYLER TUESDAY

Tuesday, December 4th

For all December Birthdays!

Call Pam @ 528-3215 to register!

PTA Meeting  
Tuesday,  
December 4th  
HS Library  
7:00 pm

Join Hartford on  
Sunday, December 2nd  
for Hartford's  
Hometown Christmas!





*Nurse's Notes by Rachel Sehr, School Nurse*

Recently, we have had a few cases of head lice in the district. Unfortunately, this can be a constant battle in the school system. Parent letters will be sent home in the instance of multiple cases in a grade or classroom. Otherwise, the school asks that you check your children for lice periodically at home. Students are not screened regularly at school if it is believed they are lice free. However, known cases of head lice are monitored to help prevent the spread to other students. That is why we ask anyone with an active case to please notify the school nurse.

Please also be mindful of lice when you or your children are visiting friends and relatives. Sleepovers, especially, can be the perfect opportunity for the pesky bugs to spread. The school cannot disclose any names of students with lice infestations, so it will be up to the parents to communicate that information with any visitors.

Our school policy states that any student with live lice will be excluded from school. However, a child may stay in school if they only have nits (eggs) as these are extremely sticky and cannot be passed to others easily.

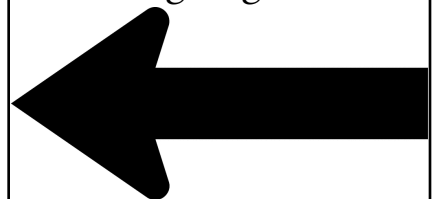
If you have any questions or concerns, or think your child might have head lice, please contact the school nurse at [Rachel.Sehr@k12.sd.us](mailto:Rachel.Sehr@k12.sd.us) or 528-3215, Ext 1333.

\*\*Also, the next time you stop in to the Medicap Pharmacy in Hartford, be sure to tell Vince Reilly (pharmacist and owner) and the other staff thank you for donating supplies for student flu shots again this year.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding flu shots or elementary health screenings, please contact Rachel Sehr, the school nurse, at [Rachel.Sehr@k12.sd.us](mailto:Rachel.Sehr@k12.sd.us) or 528-3215, Ext 1333.



First Grade Students sing  
at the Senior Citizen  
Center for their  
Thanksgiving Dinner.



## PTA NEWS

### Upcoming Events

December 10th - PTA night at Pizza Ranch 4:30 PM - 8 PM

### Special Fundraising Projects for 2012-2013

1. Reduce school supply list by providing **ALL** notebooks and folders for the 2013-2014 school year.
2. Provide shin guards and soccer nets for the Humboldt and Hartford Elementary play grounds.

PTA annual membership is \$5.00. This year, members who activate their card will receive \$10.00 off a \$50.00 purchase at Office Max! Drop off your membership dues - along with a sheet of paper with your name, address, phone number, email address, and employer - at the school office or with your school's PTA representative. Please feel free to email us at: [ptawestcentral@gmail.com](mailto:ptawestcentral@gmail.com) for any suggestions or comments or visit our website at <http://westcentralpta.shutterfly.com> . We would love to hear from you!



**West Central PTA Presents**  
**All Dogs Go to Heaven**

**Where:** High School Auditorium  
**DATE:** Friday Jan 25, 2013  
**TIME:** 6:30 PM  
**COST:** \$1.00 per person

**Concession Stands Open!**  
Popcorn \$0.50  
Water \$1.00  
Candy Bars \$1.00

All Dogs go to Heaven © 1989 GOLDCREST and Sullivan Limited.



The weather looks great to join Hartford in this annual event...

# Hartford's Hometown 2012 Christmas

*Sunday, December 2nd*

5k Frosty Run/Walk WC Middle School Parking Lot

9:00 am Registration 10:00 am Race

12:00 to 4:00 ~ Vendor Show @ Hartford Elementary

12:00 to 4:00 ~ Food Vendors Around Town

12:00 to 4:00 ~ Santa Visits @ Fire Station

12:00 to 5:00 ~ Children's "Make-n-Take" @ Hartford Family Fitness Studio

12:00 to 5:00 ~ Kids Christmas Movies & Refreshments @ American Legion Auxiliary Room

12:00 to 5:00 ~ Wine & Cheese Tasting, Bake Sale, and misc Vendors @ American Legion

12:00 to 5:00 ~ Horse Drawn Wagon Rides ~ Beginning Downtown

12:00 to 5:00 ~ Live Music Downtown

12:00 to 5:00 ~ Adult Games & Refreshments @ Senior Center

12:00 to 5:00 ~ Live Nativity Downtown, 2 Performances

4:30 to 5:30 ~ Bonfire & Caroling Downtown

5:30 ~ Tree Lighting & Parade of Lights

*Community Dinner Sponsored by the Knights  
of Columbus @ High School Commons  
serving begins at 4:30 and  
continues immediately after parade*



*Parade registration forms available on the City of Hartford's Website*

*For questions or further information please contact:*

*Lisa Hellvig at 201-7136 or Jessi Moeller at 321-1642*

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# WE COMMUNITY EDUCATION

SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF THE WEST CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Check the website for  
these Course  
Offerings!!!

December Art Camps (see website)  
Instructor - Brenda Sosa  
Offerings for ages 7-Adult

Dance (PreK-HS)  
2nd Session Starts Jan. 21st  
Registrations taken through Feb. 4th

Tae Kwon Do (Ages 3 - adult)  
Tuesdays & Thursdays all year  
Tiger Academy Martial Arts  
Month to month enrollment

K-3 Boys & Girls Basketball  
First 5 weeks of the New Year  
Saturday Morning Sessions  
Held at Christ Lutheran Gym

Strategic Games Club  
Mondays Feb. 27th - April 30th  
4:00-5:15  
Grades 4-8

## ✕ THANK YOU ✕

Thank you for your continued support of our Community Education  
programming! We are happy to serve the West Central Community and  
offer opportunities for continued learning and development.

### VISIT OUR WEBSITE

For more information visit our site  
at: [http://  
wccommed.wikispaces.com/](http://wccommed.wikispaces.com/).

The list on the left hand side has a  
link to our course offerings. Click  
here, and then  
click on the  
course name  
you're

interested in.

The link will  
take you to a  
page with more

detailed information and a copy of  
the registration form for the  
course. Registration can be turned  
in at any WC School Office.



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\*\*\*We will continue to send updated  
information in the elementary  
newsletters and try to circulate course  
offering information throughout the  
WC community. Feel free to contact us  
about getting on an email list for  
updated information regarding course  
offerings.  
If you, or anyone you know, would be  
interested in teaching a class through

West Central Community Education,  
please contact Sara or Amy. If you  
have ideas for a class, or are interested  
in learning a certain craft, project,  
topic, or sport, we'd like to hear from  
you. Your input and ideas help to make  
WC Community Education a better  
program.





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## VETERANS' DAY PROGRAM

Thank you veterans!



Mrs. Wolles' class sing and sign "God Bless America."

Speakers for the program were Jesse's dad, SFC Casey Jost, and Hadley's dad, CPT David Larson, both from the SD Army National Guard.



Mrs. Spielmann's class prepares to sing "God Bless the USA."



Members of the Hartford American Legion fold the flag properly.



The HS Choral group sings "The Star Spangled Banner" and "America the Beautiful."

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## Raising Empathetic Kids

Do you ever wonder what it's going to be like when you are old and gray...and you're dependent upon your children for daily care? Does this serve as a sobering reminder of the importance of raising responsible and empathetic kids?

One of the best strategies for raising empathetic kids involves *being* empathetic *with* our kids. Yep! Every time we use empathy, we teach it.

Here's the problem: Empathy doesn't always come easy! That's why wise people delay their reactions or consequences by saying: *"I'm too angry to think about this right now. I make better decisions when I'm calm. We'll talk later."*

Is that great modeling? Would you like for your kids to learn to do this?

The next time you find a need to punish your child, experiment with prefacing the consequence with a sincere empathetic statement. For example, *"Ooooh, no. That arguing on the way to the game was no fun. You might want to warn your coach that I won't be driving you to the games until I don't have to worry about that anymore."*

Another strategy for modeling empathy involves reading stories to our children about others using it. In his new book, *Stand in My Shoes: Kids Learning About Empathy*, Dr. Bob Sornson provides a heartwarming story about a girl named Emily who discovers the power of empathy. In this book, Emily learns that focusing on the feelings of others brings the best out of others.

When our children experience empathy from us, and they learn about empathy from Emily's wonderful story, the path is laid for a lifetime of happier relationships.

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No School  
December 24th -  
January 2nd

School resumes on  
January 3rd





## REFLECTIONS....



Just a few observations/reflections as I travel from day to day...

- After being sick, I really appreciate the days that I feel normal again.
- I've missed many days in the lunchroom. I like to be in there as an extra hand, to have conversations with kids, and to "be present" in the building. Last week a kindergarten student said, "What are you doing in here Mrs. Tyler?" Out of the mouth of babes...
- The Hartford/Humboldt communities and their willingness to give back: The Hartford Hometown Christmas is a wonderful example of giving from our community. I hope you can make it this Sunday, December 2nd. Also, many community people have taken tags from our Giving Tree to help everyone have a special Christmas.
- My own kids: I enjoy it so much when they are home...and I miss them so much when they leave. You young adults out there - give your mom a call and make her day!
- The power of the internet: My husband looked up natural pain relievers to help wean me off all the pain killers I've been taking. We've found a papaya/pineapple combination that has really helped!
- The curse of the electronics: While we almost all use them on a daily basis, I can find myself lost in a game or search. I see this in kids. If you find your child(ren) getting angry if you ask him/her to shut down the game or internet...it's really time to limit the use. On the same token, if your child is doing all kinds of things (good & bad) to get your attention because you're texting or gaming, you may want to limit your use.
- Have a restful, wonderful holiday season having conversations with each other!

- Mrs. Tyler



### Box Tops for Education

Just clip, put in a baggie and return to school! There is also a drop box at Sunshine.



### Save Five for Schools

Just wash these milk and juice lids and send to school in a baggie (or Sunshine). Watch for store specials! We need the WHOLE lid!



### Labels for Education

This is not just Campbell's Soup Labels anymore! There are many products that qualify. Check it out at [labelsforeducation.com](http://labelsforeducation.com) You can send labels to school with your child or drop in box @ Sunshine.

### Cell Phones/Ink Cartridges

You can drop off old cell phones or ink cartridges and we can recycle and get money back. There is a box inside our front door.